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Weekly Views

Jim Morris, President of the Pacer's Organization spoke at the Correctional Industrial Facility's Fifth Sunday Chaplain's. Jim is a retired Lilly Executive and served a term as United Nations World Food Bank Executive Director in Geneva, Switzerland.

Henryville Correctional Facility volunteer Richard Schuster was nominated for the "Bell Award" by TV station WLKY. The Bell Award is a prestigious award given to outstanding volunteers within the community. Mr. Schuster volunteers at Henryville with the Freedom 101 program which is a cognitive thinking program to help offenders view how dysfunctional thinking causes behavior patterns. The broadcast stated, "The work Mr. Schuster does at Henryville, typifies the above and beyond type of volunteer work that Mr. Schuster does to help incarcerated individuals."

The Indiana State Prison held a "Pie-in-the-face" contest that raised \$638 for the Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund through SECC. Assistant Superintendent McBride raised the most money and will receive a pie in the face at ISP's next General Assembly.

A delegation of five leaders from South Asia toured Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility to learn best practices for Non-Profit and Juvenile Justice Partnerships. Their visit is part of the U.S. State Department's efforts to help other countries learn how our country addresses critical needs.

Miami Correctional Facility's PLUS unit and its graduate participants sponsored a food sale in conjunction with Pepsi Co and Kentucky Fried Chicken. Proceeds from this successful event will be used to support local charities and the continued operation of these programs.

The Family Education Department at the Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility hosted a Halloween party for participants of the Children's Visitation Center. Dressed in their costumes, the children were treated to a cookout lunch with their fathers and toured a haunted house maze. They also participated in arts and crafts, played carnival-style games, won prizes, and listened to spooky stories.

Putnamville Correctional Facility staff participated in the Putnam County, Indiana State Police Post's first annual blood drive. The Indiana Bloodmobile was on site, at District Post #53 in Putnam County, where troopers and correctional staff "gave the gift life."

Indiana State Prison Superintendent Bill Wilson handed out certificates to 23 offenders who completed the Suicide Companions Program. A luncheon was provided by the facility's Culinary Arts Program to the recipients and the PLUS Program volunteers who assisted with the Suicide Companions Program.

An offender recently released from Madison Correctional Facility and the Jefferson Community Re-entry Center retained her position at a local factory and was named Employee of the Quarter. She also received a \$150 bonus for perfect attendance.

This year, the Correctional Industrial Facility has delivered more than 5,067 pounds of vegetables to the Christian Center in Anderson, Indiana to help feed the hungry of Madison County.

The Westville Correctional Facility hosted a week-end of gospel music and fellowship. The musical group, Gospel Echoes, presented two days of their Freedom Rally. This volunteer group participated in three separate concerts, entertaining hundreds of offenders throughout the facility.

Madison Correctional Facility held a "Within My Reach" seminar during their PREP weekend. The seminar teaches better decision making regarding relationships.

The Reception-Diagnostic Center held a Chili Cook-off and raised \$240! Proceeds will go toward the upcoming holiday party.

Westville Correctional Facility sponsored an end of summer Dairy Queen sale for the offenders. Profits from the DQ sales are being donated to the Reins for Life Foundation, a local organization that offers equine-assisted activities for adults and children with disabilities. Our local DQ establishment generated \$13,939 in food sales and, as always, was grateful for our business.

PD#3 Supervisors, Parole Agent's and Central Office staff worked Operation Halloween for Marion County to ensure paroled sex offenders were present at one location during trick or treat hours. During the collaborative effort with Probation and Community Corrections, there were no arrests and the event was successful.

Henryville Correctional Facility had two dynamic speakers, Victoria L. Hubbard and her brother Richard Hubbard, facilitate a seminar on forgiveness, incarceration, self-imposed limitations and working all things through Christ. The message was very well received by the offender population who attended.